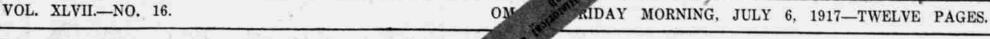
THE WEATHER

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RED OAK CITIZENS TO TELL STORY OF VILLISCA MURDER IN OMAHA MEETING

BOARDS GIVE OUT NUMBERS ON THE DRAFT

Unfounded Rumors Circulate Quickly Concerning Nebraska Drawing: Neville's Trip Stirs Up Talk.

Washington, July 5.- Exemption boards which will administer the selection of the draft have begun giving serial numbers to the men who were registered on June 5.

Instructions from Washington are to post the numbers publicly as soon as given. This was being done in some parts of the country today and led to false reports that drafted numbers had been announced.

No drafting whatever has been

done as yet and probably will not be done for several days.

Nebraska Not Yet Included.

No drafting whatever has been done as yet, according to dispatches from Washington, despite persistent rumors which circulated over Omaha shortly after noon today. The "tip" came through a local stock broker's office that the numbers had been drawn. Omaha literally "ate up" the stock

broker's tip, which gave out the information that numbers, 11, 17, 59, 61, 111, 145, 62, 67, 97, 100, 125 and 146 had been selected. It was explained that under the

workings of the draft persons holding these numbers in every precinct in the country were the ones summoned on The numbers were posted at a num-

ber of points about town and within half an hour the report had become known on every street corner. Newspaper offices were besieged with telephone calls. Washington dispatches declared no

drafting had been done. Exemption boards which will administer the selection of the draft, dispatches said, have begun giving out serial numbers to the men who were registered June 5. and this led to the rumor that the draft had started.

Governor Neville in denying the rumor, vouchsafed the information that the draft would not begin unti July 10. The governor also said the precinct numbers would not be used, but that each county will be a unit and the registered men numbered consecutively from one up.

> Neville to Washington. (From a Staff Correspondent.)

tomorrow to look up the matter of the draft. He denies that the trip has anything to do with a commission in the "Dandy Sixth," but that his mission is simply one to get first hand advice on the methods of conducting

The governor yesterday notified the War department that all local exemption boards were organized and ready

German Commercial Agent

In New York Kills Himself New York, July 5.-Richard Adam

man commercial interests in China, committed suicide here today by jumping from his rooms on the tenth floor of a bachelor apartment house. He had first slashed his wrist with a razor blade.

Timmercheidt, who was said to have been at one time an agent for the Russia government, took out his naturalization papers here in December, 1914. He was apparently a man of considerable wealth.

No motive for the suicide has been ascertained by the police.

The Weather

Hour.

For Nebraska-Generally fair. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday,



Highest yesterday 83 Lowest yesterday 68 Mean temperature 76 1917, 1916, 1915, 1914, 89 68 78 .00

Mean temperature 76 78 85 80
Precipitation 13 00 00 00
Temperature and precipitation departures
from the normal at Omaha since yesterday:
Normal temperature 76
Excess for the day 75
Excess for the day 62 inch
Total deficiency since March 1 227
Normal precipitation 16 inch
Deficiency for the day 62 inch
Total rainfall since March 1 15 48 inches
Excess since March 1 76 inch
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Denver, part cloudy
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Des Moines, cloudy
Dodge City, clear
Lander, clear
North Platte, clear Omaha, part cloudy Pueblo, cloudy Chicago, part cloudy Salt Lake, part cloudy Sauta Fe, cloudy

Sheridan, clear 78 80 Stoux City, clear 82 82 Valentine, clear 84 84 "F" Indicates trace of precipitation L. A. WELSH, Meterologist. Are They All Shot Off?



NEW MONARCHY

Military Governor of Chi-Li Germans Believe British Local Province Sends Ultimatum to Chinese Dictator; Nanking is Capital.

London, July 5.-A dispatch from Tien Tsin, China, to the Morning Post says that Tsao Kun, military governor of Chi-Li, whose attitude who restored the emperor, demanding front. that he withdraw from Peking within twenty-four hours. Tsao Kun is now chances of the monarchy.

ing 20,000 men in the province of Shan Tung Hung to march against sive on a large scale in this area. the monarchists.

Nine alleged traitors, including Prince Pu Lun, chairman of the council of state, have been executed by

A dispatch from Shanghai says the Timmerscheidt, representative of Ger- military commissioner of Shanghai and the military governor of province of Che-Kiang refused to

recognize the empire. Dictator Ignores Ultimatum.

Tien Tsin, July 5.-A military clash in China is imminent. The Aisne from him not only came to troops of Peking are showing signs naught, with exceptionally heavy Ger-Hsun's dictatorship under the guise of a monarchy. At the same time from the Germans, the troops of Tsao Kun, military governor of the province of Chi-Li, aremobilizing and preparing to proceed Paris yesterday as proceeding to the to Peking.

Tsao Kun's action followed an ultimatum sent to General Chang Hsun giving him twenty-four hours to withdraw troops from Peking. General Chang Hsun took no notice of the demand.

A provisional government has been established at Nanking, capital of the province of King-Su. Baron Feng (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

The Bee's Free Milk and Ice Fund

The Widow's Mite.

"Inclosed find a widow's mite for your kind and good efforts for the poor babies," writes Mrs. Pauline Lynch and incloses \$1 for The Bee's Milk and Ice fund.

Five dollars comes to the fund as a fitting memorial for one who has passed from life.

YOU want to have a part in this great work of saving the lives of the poor bables of Omaha through the critical hot days of summer. There is no other agency besides The Bee's fund through which this can be done. The number of babies that can be provided with life-giving, pure, cool milk, depends on the amount you and others give to this fund.

Do your part now. Send or bring any sum from 10 cents to \$5.00 to The Bee office. Your reward will be sure Previously acknowledged. \$20.50 Mrs. Pauline Lynch..... 1.00 A. M. L..... 3.00 In memory of

Edward Kohn..... E. M. Morsrian, Sr..... 5.00

Total.....\$34.50

RESUME FIGHT ON WEST FRONT beverages shall cease. Private polls of the senate, leaders of both factions admitted privately tonight, indicate a large majority for the Robinson substitute.

Operations in Belgium Prelude to Offensive on Big Scale.

(Associated Press War Summary)

With Russia proving that its army, now rehabilitated, can strike telling blows again, the allied forces appar-Lincoln, July 5.—(Special.)—Gover- hitherto has been dubious, has sent ently are preparing to resume the nor Neville will leave for Washington an ultimatum to General Chang Hsun, forward movement on the western to broaden it so as to insure that the

That the British blow will fall north of Arras is the German expecmobilizing his forces. His action, it north of Arras is the German expec-is considered, will endanger the tation, according to General von Stein, the Prussian minister of war. Tuan Chi-Jui, former premier, has He told a German Reichstag commit-reaccepted that post and is mobilizparently was preparing for an offen-

In this connection it is to be noted that the Britis's in a local operation last night pushed their lines forward

slightly on a 600-yard front southwest of Hollebeke, in Belgium. Petain Beats Back Assaults.

General Petain, on the French front, is bending his efforts toward retaining intact all the commanding positions his troops now occupy. The latest German attempt to wrest control of an important sector on the opposition to General Chang man losses, but the French in their reaction took a salient near Cerny

Paris dispatches report the American contingent which paraded in permanent American training camp and announce that the other units of the army now at a French port will

leave there shortly for camp instruction. The entire expedition is expected to be encamped by July 15 under command of Major General British Capture Trenches. London, July 5.—The British made an attack last night southwest of

Holebeke, in Belgium, near the Ypres canal. Today's official statement says the British line was advanced on a front of 600 yeards and several prisoners captured. "On Tuesday night bombing attacks were carried out by naval air

service machines on the airdromes (Continued on Page Two, Column One.) Farm Loan board, up to July 1.

SENATORS WILL LIMIT DEBATE ON DRY AMENDMENT

Threat of Cloture Rule in Upper House Decides to Take Up Food Legislation at Once.

Washington, July 5 .- With a resort to the cloture rule threatened, the senate by unanimous consent late today agreed to begin consideration of the prohibition section and of any amendments or substitutes of the food bill at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon with debate limited.

Final disposition of the prohibition issue before adjournment tomorrow night and passage of the bill next week is deemed assured. Senator Chamberlain, in charge of the measure announced that Saturday he would seek another unanimous consent agreement for a final vote not later than Wednesday or Thursday and believed it would be obtained without using the cloture motion. Forty-two senators have signed the cloture measure, which required only fifteen

Limited to Ten Minutes.

When the prohibition question i taken up tomorrow each speaker will be limited to ten minutes upon the Gore prohibition amendment, prohibiting manufacture of distilled beverages during the war and giving the president authority to suspend manufacture of malt, fermented or vinous intoxicants and to limit their alcoholic contents. Upon amendments and substitutes for the Gore plan each senator's debate will be limited to five

All the formal steps for a decisive and spirited struggle on prohibition have been taken. Senator Robinson introduced the socalled "administration compromise" substitute today for the Gore plan providing only that dis-tillation of foodstuffs for intoxicating

May Sell Necessities.

After agreeing to proceed with the liquor fight tomorrow, the senate late today adopted Senator Kenyon's amendment to a section of the bill greatly exceeding the government's power to purchase and sell supplies to secure reasonable prices. Under the amendment in addition to foods, feed and fuel, the government would be authorized to buy and sell, at mini-mum prices fixed by the federal authorities, all other "necessaries"

named in the bill. A determined effort will be made government will have power to regulate coal prices and to take over and

operate coal mines. Senator Pomerene of Ohio made a lengthy speech today on the coal situation, reciting alleged exorbitant coal prices and necessity for govern-

ment regulation. Prohibition also came in for some attention. Senator Thomas of Colorado advocated national prohibition when squarely and fairly presented," but announced opposition to the pro-posal for immediate "bone dry" pro-hibition because both of effect upon public sentiment and from the revenue standpoint.

Riots Are Discussed.

Senator Thomas brought up the race riots in East St. Louis as an indication of social unrest which is manifested in various parts of the country at times. He declared that one-tenth of the population of this country is black and said their loyalty in the present crisis is essential. Senator Sherman declared the dis-

orders in East St. Louis were due to the saloons. "It's the worst saloon town in America," he said, adding that the saloons openly disregarded the laws and for years the town had been an oasis

to the people of St. Louis, Mo., who came across the bridge on Sundays to get liquor. I have no apology for East St. Louis or for my state, or for any other state which allows such conditions to exist," he declared. "I am a

bone dry senator from now on.' Eleven Millions in Farm Loans Approved by Banks

Washington, July 5.-A total of

\$11,661,905 in first mortgage loans to farmers at 5 per cent interest had been asked by the 230 farm loan associations, chartered by the Federal

Russ Democracy Formally Represented by Bakhmetieff

ceived as the premanent diplomatic other high officials were invited. purposes of the new government.

Washington, July 5-Boris Bakhme- | ner to American officials as an exprestioff, the new Russian ambassador, sion of gratitude for the reception ac presented his credentials to President Vice President Marshall, Speake Wilson today and was formally re- Clark, members of the cabinet and epresentative here of the Russian | Complete independence for Poland democracy. He assured the president and a wide degree of selfgovernment again of Russia's steadfast adherence for Finland, Ukraine, and other subto the alliance against Germany, and sidiary nationalities of Russia was was told by President Wilson that said by Ambassador Bakhmetieff to two Toledo and Indiana interurban every confidence is felt here in the be the object of the new Russian government. Plans now are under way, With the formal ceremony the am- he said, for the actual working out of bassador is given a permanent status the principle that government should other was mangled. The cars were in place of his temporary position as rest on the consent of the governed running in sections, and when the first head of the Russian war mission. | and to the widest degr.
Tonight the ambassador gave a din- a centralized authority and to the widest degree possible for stopped to release passengers the

Villisca Ax Murders to Be Discussed in Mass Meeting

One thousand residents of Montgomery county, Iowa, will come to Omaha Saturday to attend a mass meeting in Boyd theater, at which the blood-curdling Villisca ax murder case will be discussed.

A majority of those who will attend the meeting will travel 100 miles by motor car and special train.

It will be charged that free speech has been denied in Iowa under an injunction against J. N. Wilkerson, a detective, whose four years' investigation of the murders cast suspicion on a prominent state senator. This state senator is said to be using his influence and apparently is backed by Attorney General Havner to prevent further disclosures.

No precedent is known for such a gathering. The audience, composed of outraged citizens of one state, will travel into another state to hear testimony against their neighbors because state officials are alleged to have lent their influence to proceedings which make free speech at home impossible. Eight persons were cruelly murdered at Villisca in the dead of night June 9, 1912, by a fiend who crushed their

skulls with an ax. Joseph Moore and his entire family and the two Stillinger girls, who were overnight guests at the Moore home, were the victims. No person has been tried for the crime. Rev. Lyn

George J. Kelly, an itinerant minister, was arrested May 14 and now awaits trial in Red Oak on a murder charge. The father of the murdered girls and a sister of Joe Moore openly assert Kelly is innocent.

Attorney General Havner is pushing the prosecution of Kelly. Residents of Villisca and Red Oak declare that Havner was instrumental in obtaining the passage of a law by the last legislature placing a ban on free speech under which public disclosures in the murder case were stopped when they attempted to hold a mass meeting at Red Oak. Havner is said to have sought to commit Kelly to an insane asylum, a step which would bar the prosecution of any other person suspected of the crime.

State Senator F. F. Jones of Villisca prosecuted and lost a \$60,000 damage suit against Detective Wilkerson, who will address the Saturday meeting in Omaha.

RAMPAGE; TOWN MARCH IN PARIS

Uncle Sam's Soldiers Presented Entire Town of Decatur is With Flags at Notable Ceremony; Lay Wreath On Lafayette's Tomb.

Paris, Wednesday, July 4 .- (Delayed.)-When the 230th regiment of French territorials with its band Missouri river. escorted the battalion picked from the regiments of United States infantry into the Court of Honor as a part of the Independence day celebra- many small shacks and houses have tion, the court, the arcades and the corridors of the Invalides resounded with the prolonged acclamation of the company of massed spectators that

to form a hollow square. Standing in the center were descenolution with fanons in United States eral of the United States army—a flag night, of red ground with two silver starsembroidered by French women; and American veterans who fought with the French in the war of 1870 with the flag of the American volunteers in the French Foreign legion.

A few surviving inmates from the soldiers' home, erect and soldierly in appearance in spite of their grey hairs, tood behind as a guard of honor. Alongside was a delegation from Le Puy, the nearest city, the birthplace of General Lafayette, carrying a laceadorned flag to be presented to the Amercian troops.

Poincare, Pershing and Joffre.

The head of every spectator was incovered precisely at 9 o'clock when the American band struck up the Marseillaise. The simultanteous appear-Pershing, General Joffre, American Ambassador Sharp and other dignitaries at the entrance of the building was the signal for tremendous cheering which continued until the official party passed the troops in review. Hats were off again and impressive

and the flags were presented to the American troops. General Pershing was grave and apparently moved General Noix, governor of the Invalides, received the flag of the American Foreign legion for the war The colonel commanding the Amer-

can battalion advanced and saluted President Poincare. The bands began playing and the cheering broke out again as President Poincare shook hands with the members of the official party as the troops began to file out of the court of honor. Populace Goes Wild.

An airplane, circling a few hun-dred feet overhead, followed the line of march some distance. Thousands (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Fourteen Persons Hurt in Trolley Collision in Ohio

Toledo, O., July 5 .- Fourteen persons were injured, four of them so serious that they may not recover, as the result of a rear-end collision of cars at Stryker early today.

Three of the injured suffered amputation of limbs, while the leg of another crashed into it

BIG MUDDY IS ON

Threatened as River Cuts Into Banks at Rate of

The entire town of Decatur, Neb., is in danger of being eaten up by the

Fifteen Feet a Day.

The long-continued siege of high water in the Missouri this spring has cut 190 feet of the bank away, and been abandoned.

The river is still cutting the bank

The Gallup elevator, a huge grain elevator, had to be moved a few days ago, and now the river has comletely devoured the site where the fine elevator formerly stood.

"Just Move Old "fill.

The historic old mill, one of the oldest in the state, a landmark to the old settlers and early pioneers of Nebraska, will probably have to be moved within the next few days, as the stream now is cutting dangerously near its foundatious.

The river strikes the northwest part of the town on its southward course and then swerves sharply to the eastward. It is on this sharp turn that it is cutting its bank. The bank here is about ten feet high. The ance of President Poincare, General swift current undermines the ground and the sodded bank falls in with a succession of emendous splashes. People watching the ravages of the river and workmen endeavoring to save property dare not go nearer than ten feet from the edge of the bank, lest it be so undermined that it will scription. Such information came ilence prevailed when the fanous crumble away and fall in with their

Many Acres Devoured.

From six to ten acres, it is estimated, have already been devoured by the Big Muddy.

The unusual ravages of the river this spring and summer are attributed to a combination of the heavy and continuous spring rains, and the June rise. Ordinarily, the river comes up a little when the ice goes out. Then t subsides, and does not rise again until the snow water from the moun-

tains brings on the annual June rise. This year, however, the river came up as usual when the ice went out. Immediately the heavy rains followed, unusual rains all up and down the Missouri valley, which caused the river to leap over its banks, a thing

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Pilot of Robert E. Lee Dies at New Orleans

New Orleans, July 5.—Captain Max Blanchard, for sixty-seven years a pilot, captain and owner of vessels on the Mississippi river, died at his home here late last night, aged 87. Captain Blanchard wa's pilot on the old steamboat Robert E. Lee in its celebrated race to St. Louis against the Natchez in 1861, at the finish of which

IOWA'S WORST AIRED HERE

Stillinger and Relatives of the Moore Family Will Relate at Unusual Gathering How Eight Were Slain.

On the stage of the Boyd heater Saturday afternoon will sit a _ up of Red Oak and Villisca citizens who are closely identified with the Villisca One will be Joe Stillinger, father of

two girls who were among the eight persons murdered at the home of Joseph Moore, June 9, 1912. Another will be Ross Moore, brother of Joseph Moore, who was killed with his wife and four children. Relatives of the Moore and Stillinger families will oc-

cupy seats on the stage.

It is expected that Joe Stillinger will preside. Attorney A. L. Sutton, who represents Rev. Lyn G. J. Kelly, has been asked to preside, but declared it would be better if Stillinger would serve as chairman.

COMING BY SPECIAL TRAIN. A special train will arrive here from Red Oak and Villisca shortly after the noon hour and the meeting will be called at 3 o'clock. A section will be reserved for the Montgomery county contingent who are coming to Omaha to hold a public meeting, a right denied them in their own county.

Attorney General Havner of Iowa invoked the Thompson law, which prohibits public meetings which may influence witnesses or jurors. In this instance it is contended that the Rev. Mr. Kelly is awaiting trial, under a grand jury indictment, on charge of being the ax murderer, and that the meeting would prejudice the case.

Detective J. N. Wilkerson, in the employ of Montgomery county citi-

ens, will return to Omaha Friday morning. He will be the principal speaker Saturday afternoon. He attempted to speak at Red Oak last week, but was prevented by an injunction issued on the prayer of the attorney general. The citizens immediately raised a fund of \$700 to defray the expenses of Wilkerson, rent of the Boyd theater and the special train.

Say Kelly is Innocent.

In Montgomery county many substantial citizens do not believe that Rev. Mr. Kelly was in any way connected with the ax murders, and they further declare and will reiterate Saturday that Kelly is being made the scapegoat merely to get the case closed. They contend that an effort is being made to have Kelly adjudged insane and thus bolster up a theory that he was the ax murderer.

Ross Moore, brother of Joe Moore, at the north edge of the town at the who was one of the ax victims, scoutleft just room enough for the troops rate of fifteen feet a day. Pickets ed the theory of Kelly's guilt to a guard the river bank day and night Kelly at the time the minister was dants of soldiers of the American rev- to be ready to warn anyone whose brought from Illinois by Attorney residence or whose property it might Sutton and could not restrain a smile colors and the colors of a major gen- become necessary to move during the when asked if he thought Kelly was the murderer. Montgomery county citizens who

will meet here Saturday contend that Kelly had no motive and that his movements on the night of the murder have been accounted for. They have contended and will contend Saturday that evidence which might have yielded results was not followed up with zeal by the authorities at the time of the murder.

L. J. Longnecker, an Omaha detective, who was one of the first men to investigate the case, alleges there was gross negligence on the part of officials in failing to take up the trail of the case as soon as the murders were discovered. Mr. Longnecker will attend the Omaha meeting.

Regular Army Will Be

Filled by Conscription New York, July 5.-United States army recruiting headquarters here it was said today that the ranks of the army now about 47,000 men below war strength, would be filled by confrom Washington, it was asserted and it was indicated that the drafting might begin within ten days.

Four Persons Drown in Illinois River at Hardin

Hardin, Ill., July 5 .- Mr. and Mrs. George Houghtlin and their 4-yearold son of Jerseyville, Ill., and Miss Rena Johnson of Los Angeles, Cal., were drowned in the Illinois river here last night when Houghtlin drove his automobile off a ferry boat.

The Bee's New Offices

For convenience of patrons and efficiency of distribution The Bee has added five new branch offices. Here's

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